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What is claimed is (US):

1. A compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^1 & Y & O)_m \\
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R^3 & R^2 & R^4
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
(O)_m & O)_m & OO_m &$$

where the symbols and indices are as defined below:

X is =CH- or =N-;

Y is =0 or =S;

10 n is 0 or 1;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

- R¹ is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, -S(halogen)₅ or halogen, where one or two CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- or -S- or -N(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, with the proviso that heteroatoms may not be adjacent;
- R², R³ independently of one another are hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl or halogen, where one or two CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- or -S- or -N(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, with the proviso that heteroatoms may not be adjacent;

is hydrogen, (C_1-C_{10}) -alkyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkynyl, (C_6-C_{14}) -aryl, (C_3-C_{10}) -heterocyclyl or (C_1-C_{10}) -alkanoyl, where the radicals mentioned may be unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;

is hydrogen, (C_1-C_{10}) -alkyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkynyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl, (C_8-C_{10}) -cycloalkynyl, aryl or heterocyclyl, where the radicals mentioned may be unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;

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except for compounds of the formula (I), in which X is =CH-, m is 1 or 2 and R^5 is unsubstituted or substituted (C_1 - C_{10})-alkyl.

2. A compound of the formula (II) or a salt thereof

$$R^{4'}$$
 $(O)_m$
 R^1
 $(O)_m$
 R^3
 $(O)_n$
 (II)

where the symbols and indices are as defined below:

X is =CH- or =N-;

10 Y' is -O- or -S-;

n is 0 or 1;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

R¹ is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, -S(halogen)₅ or halogen, where one or two CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- or -S- or -N(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, with the proviso that heteroatoms may not be adjacent;

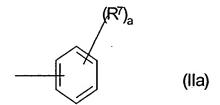
R², R³ independently of one another are hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl or halogen, where one or two CH₂ groups may be replaced by -O- or -S- or -N(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, with the proviso that heteroatoms may not be adjacent;

is hydrogen, (C_1-C_{10}) -alkyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkynyl, (C_6-C_{14}) -aryl or (C_3-C_{10}) -heterocyclyl, where the radicals mentioned may be unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted; and

is hydrogen, (C_1-C_{10}) -alkyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_{10}) -alkynyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl, (C_8-C_{10}) -cycloalkynyl, aryl or heterocyclyl, where the radicals mentioned may be unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

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- 3. A compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 7 where R^1 is SF_5 , CHF_2 , CF_2CI or CF_3 .
- 4. A compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 where X is =CH-, Y is =O, m and n are 0, R¹ is CF₃, R², R³ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is (C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, (C₂-C₁₀)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₁₀)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₀)-cycloalkyl, (C₄-C₀)-cycloalkynyl, aryl or heterocyclyl, where the radicals mentioned may be unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.
- 10 5. A compound of the formula () or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 where R⁵ is a radical of the formula IIa



where the symbols and indices are as defined below:

a is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

is = 0 or = S:

- are identical or different R⁸, or two radicals R⁷ together with the atoms to which they are attached form a three- to eight-membered saturated or unsaturated ring system which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals R⁸ and which may also contain further heteroatoms, selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, SO and SO₂;
- 20 R⁸ are identical or different R⁹, R¹⁰, -C(W)R⁹, -C(=NOR⁹)R⁹, -C(=NNR⁹₂)R⁹,
 -C(=W)OR⁹, -C(=W)NR⁹₂, -OC(=W)R⁹, -OC(=W)OR⁹, -NR⁹C(=W)R⁹,
 -N[C(=W)R⁹]₂, -NR⁹C(=W)OR⁹, -C(=W)NR⁹-NR⁹₂, -C(=W)NR⁹-NR⁹[C(=W)R⁹],
 -NR⁹-C(=W)NR⁹₂, -NR⁹-NR⁹C(=W)R⁹, -NR⁹-N[C(=W)R⁹]₂, -N[(C=W)R⁹]-NR⁹₂,
 -NR⁹-N[(C=W)WR⁹], -NR⁹[(C=W)NR⁹₂], -NR⁹(C=NR⁹)R⁹, -NR⁹(C=NR⁹)NR⁹₂,
 -O-NR⁹₂, -O-NR⁹(C=W)R⁹, -SO₂NR⁹₂, -NR⁹SO₂R⁹, -SO₂OR⁹, -OSO₂R⁹, -OR⁹, -NR⁹₂, -SR⁹, -SiR⁹₃, -PR⁹₂, -P(=W)R⁹₂, -SOR⁹, -SO₂R⁹, -PW₂R⁹₂, -PW₃R⁹₂ or two radicals R⁸ together are (=W), (=N-R⁹), (= CR₂⁹), (= CHR⁹) or (=CH₂);

Ŕ9 are identical or different (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, (C_2 - C_6)-alkenyl, (C_2 - C_6)-alkynyl, (C_3 - C_8)cycloalkyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_4-C_8) cycloalkenyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_2-C_4) -alkenyl, (C_4-C_8) cycloalkenyl- (C_2-C_4) -alkenyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl-5 (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_4-C_8) cycloalkenyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkenyl-(C₄-C₈)-cycloalkenyl, aryl, heterocyclyl; where the radicals mentioned are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals R10 and two radicals R9 together may form a ring system; R^{10} are identical or different halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, thio, amino, formyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkanoyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, (C_3-C_6) -alkenyloxy, (C_3-C_6) -alkynyloxy, (C_1-C_6) -haloalkyloxy, (C_3-C_6) -haloalkenyloxy, (C_3-C_6) -haloalkynyloxy, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkoxy, (C₄-C₈)-cycloalkenyloxy, (C₃-C₈)-halocycloalkoxy, (C₄-C₈)halocycloalkenyloxy, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_2-C_4) -alkenyloxy, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkenyloxy, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkoxy, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_3-C_8) -alkyl- (C_3-C_8) - (C_3-C_8) -alkyl- (C_3-C_8) - (C_3-C_8) cycloalkoxy, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkoxy, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_4-C_8) cycloalkenyloxy, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyloxy, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy- (C_3-C_6) -alkenyloxy, carbamoyl, (C_1-C_6) -mono- or -dialkylcarbamoyl, (C_1-C_6) -mono- or -dihaloalkylcarbamoyl, (C_3-C_8) -mono- or -dicycloalkylcarbamoyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkanoyloxy, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkanoyloxy, (C_1-C_6) -haloalkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) -haloalkanoyloxy, (C_1-C_6) -alkanoylamino, (C_1-C_6) -haloalkanoylamino, (C₂-C₆)-alkenoylamino, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkanoylamino, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkanoylamino, (C_1-C_6) -alkylthio, (C_3-C_6) -alkenylthio, (C_3-C_6) alkynylthio, (C_1-C_6) -haloalkylthio, (C_3-C_6) -haloalkenylthio, (C_3-C_6) haloalkynylthio, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylthio, (C₄-C₈)-cycloalkenylthio, (C_3-C_8) -halocycloalkylthio, (C_4-C_8) -halocycloalkenylthio, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylthio, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylthio, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_3-C_4) -alkenylthio, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_3-C_4) -alkenylthio, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylthio, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylthio, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylthio, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylthio, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl-

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 (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylthio, (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfinyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenylsulfinyl, (C_3-C_6) alkynylsulfinyl, (C_1 - C_6)-haloalkylsulfinyl, (C_3 - C_6)-haloalkenylsulfinyl, (C_3 - C_6)haloalkynylsulfinyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylsulfinyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylsulfinyl, (C_3-C_8) -halocycloalkylsulfinyl, (C_4-C_8) -halocycloalkenylsulfinyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylsulfinyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylsulfinyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_3-C_4) -alkenylsulfinyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_3-C_4) alkenylsulfinyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylsulfinyl, (C_2-C_8) -alkenyl- (C_3-C_8) cycloalkylsulfinyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylsulfinyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylsulfinyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylsulfinyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkynylsulfonyl, (C_1-C_6) -10 haloalkylsulfonyl, (C_3 - C_6)-haloalkenylsulfonyl, (C_3 - C_6)-haloalkynylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylsulfonyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) halocycloalkylsulfonyl, (C₄-C₈)-halocycloalkenylsulfonyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylsulfonyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylsulfonyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl- (C_3-C_4) -alkenylsulfonyl, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_3-C_4) -alkenylsulfonyl, .15 (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylsulfonyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_3-C_8) cycloalkylsulfonyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylsulfonyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylsulfonyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylsulfonyl, (C_1-C_6) -dialkylamino, (C_1-C_6) -alkylamino, (C_3-C_6) -alkenylamino, (C_3-C_6) -alkenylamino, (C_3-C_6) -alkylamino, (C_3-C_6) -alkylamino, 20 alkynylamino, (C_1 - C_6)-haloalkylamino, (C_3 - C_6)-haloalkenylamino, (C_3 - C_6)haloalkynylamino, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylamino, (C₄-C₈)-cycloalkenylamino, (C_3-C_8) -halocycloalkamino, (C_4-C_8) -halocycloalkenylamino, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylamino, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylamino, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl- (C_3-C_4) -alkenylamino, (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenyl- (C_3-C_4) -alkenylamino, (C_1-C_8) -alkyl-25 (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylamino, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkylamino, (C_2-C_8) alkynyl-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylamino, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(C₄-C₈)-cycloalkenylamino, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_4-C_8) -cycloalkenylamino, (C_1-C_6) -trialkylsilyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, arylamino, aryl-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, aryl-(C₃-C₄)alkenyloxy, aryl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylthio, aryl- (C_1-C_4) -alkylsulfinyl, aryl- (C_1-C_4) alkylsulfonyl, aryl- (C_2-C_4) -alkenylthio, aryl- (C_2-C_4) -alkenylsulfinyl, aryl- (C_2-C_4) -30 alkenylsulfonyl, aryl-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, aryl-(C₃-C₄)-alkenylamino, aryl-

 (C_1-C_6) -dialkylsilyl, diaryl- (C_1-C_6) -alkylsilyl, triarylsilyl and 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl, where the cyclic moiety of the fourteen last-mentioned radicals is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, thio, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkyl, (C_3-C_8) -cycloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkoxy, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkylthio, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkylthio, (C_1-C_4) -alkylamino, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkylamino and (C_1-C_4) -alkanoyl, and if R^9 is aryl or heterocyclyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or C_1-C_4)-haloalkyl..

- 10 6. A compound of the formula (II) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 2 where R¹ is SF₅, CHF₂, CF₂Cl or CF₃.
- 7. A compound of the formula (II) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 2 where X is =CH-, Y' is -O-, m and n are 0, R¹ is CF₃, R², R³ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁶ is (C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, aryl, benzyl or heterocyclyl having a total of one to three nitrogen, oxygen and/or sulfur ring atoms, where the radicals mentioned may be unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.
- 8. A compound of the formula (II) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 7 where
 20 the substituents are radicals R⁷ having the following meaning: R⁷ are identical or
 different R⁸ or two radicals R⁷ together with the atoms to which they are attached
 form a three- to eight-membered saturated or unsaturated ring system which is
 unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals R⁸ and which may also contain
 further heteroatoms, selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, SO and SO₂; R⁸
 25 being as defined in claim 6.
 - 9. A process for preparing compounds of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which comprises the following steps:

$$R^{2}$$
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}

- a) reaction of a carboxamide of the formula (III) with a halogenating agent to give a compound of the formula (IV), and
- 5 b) reaction of this compound with a thioether R⁵SH in the presence of a base to give the end products of the formula (I), where in these formulae the radicals R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, X and Y and the index n have the meanings given in claim 1 and Hal is halogen.
- 10 10. A process for preparing compounds of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, which comprises reacting an activated derivative of the carboxylic acid or thiocarboxylic acid of the formula (VI)

$$R^{1}$$
 OH OH OH OO_{n} (VI)

in the presence of a base with a compound of the formula (VII)

$$R^{5}$$
NHR⁴
(VII)

where in these formulae the radicals R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, X and Y and the indices m and n have the meanings given in claim 1.

11. A process for preparing compounds of the formula (la) as claimed in claim 110 by thermal decomposition of the sulfimides of the formula (VIII)

where the radicals R¹, R², R³, R⁵, X and Y and the index n are as defined in claim 1,

R⁵ is one of the groups defined in claim 1 for R⁵ having a β-hydrogen atom and R⁵ is the ethylenically unsaturated leaving group corresponding to R⁵ reduced by one hydrogen atom.

12. A process for preparing compounds of the formula (II) as claimed in claim 2,which comprises reacting the compounds of the formula (Ib)

with an alcohol R⁴'-OH in the presence of an azodicarboxylic acid diester and a phosphine in accordance with the scheme above to give the compounds of the formula (II) in which, R⁴' has one of the meanings defined in claim 2, except for H, and R¹, R², R³, R⁶, X, Y and n have one of the meanings defined in claim 2.

- 13. A composition having insecticidal, acaricidal, ixodicidal, nematicidal, molluscidal and/or fungicidal action, which comprises at least one compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof and/or a compound of the formula (II) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 and 2, respectively.
- 14. A method for controlling animal pests comprises the step of directly or indirectly applying to the pest a compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.
- 15. A method for controlling animal pests comprises the step of directly or indirectly applying to the pest a compound of the formula (II) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 2.
- 20 16. A method for warding off or fending off harmful organisms, where one or more compounds of the formula (I) or salts thereof as claimed in claim 1 are applied to the site from which the harmful organisms are to be fended off or warded off.

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- 17. A method for warding off or fending off harmful organisms, where one or more compounds of the formula (II) or salts thereof as claimed in claim 2 are applied to the site from which the harmful organisms are to be fended off or warded off.
- 18. A veterinary medicament comprising a compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.
 - 19. A veterinary medicament comprising a compound of the formula (II) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 2.
 - 20. A process for preparing sulfimides of the formula (VIII) by reacting a thiohydroxamic acid of the formula (Ia) in the presence of a compound R⁵-Z and a base according to the scheme below:

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$$R^{2}$$
 R^{3}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}

where the radicals R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^5 , X and Y and the index n are as defined in claim 1, R^5 independently of R^5 is one of the groups defined in claim 1 for R^5 and Z is a leaving group.